

LACDMH CELEBRATES OPEN HOUSE FOR PARKVIEW ON THE PARK
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Parkview on the Park held an open house celebration on Thursday, August 15th at its location on Alvarado Street in Los Angeles, across from the well-known MacArthur Park. The senior housing community was completed last year and provides 79 units for homeless older adults. Forty of the 79 units are funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and are specifically designated to house individuals diagnosed with mental illness.

“We’re very excited about this project and it’s amazing that all of you are here and have participated in the building of it,” said Carlotta Childs-Seagle, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) Deputy Director. “Everyone here is an acknowledgement of what a group of people can do when they share resources and ideas.”



“Let’s not let anyone go and be homeless,” stated Los Angeles City Councilmember Gil Cedillo whose district includes MacArthur Park. “This is a city that cares. “

Parkview on the Park officially opened its doors in March 2012. With 24-hour security available, each of the studio-style apartments has a bathroom and small kitchen. There is communal space for the residents to share a fitness center, library, laundry rooms, computer café, educational and social classrooms. Residents are 62 years old and older. They live on limited income from Social Security or other government assistance programs, and pay 30-percent of their income for rent. LACDMH offers mental health services for those who need it as well as St. Barnabas Senior Services who also provides other programs for residents, too.



When resident Paul Davies moved in after years of homelessness, he couldn't get over the initial feeling. "It didn't feel like an apartment. It felt like home," he said. He expressed his gratitude and appreciation to all those involved in building Parkview on the Park. "These people here created an environment that made me feel cared for. They make me feel like I'm home."

The Los Angeles Housing Partnership was behind the development of the senior housing project. Besides the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH), Parkview on the Park's other partners include: Affordable Living for the Aging, California Community Reinvestment Corporation, California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, FPI Management, Hatch Colasuonno Studio, HK Design & Development, Inc., Los Angeles City Housing and Community Investment, Los Angeles City Council, Wells Fargo, Westport Construction, Inc., and The Wolcott Co.